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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed January 10, 2008.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

As an initial matter, Applicants note that the restriction Groups are incorrectly numbered in the Office Action as Groups I and I respectively in the introduction of the Groups. In responding to the Office Action, Applicants refer to claims 38-45 as Group I and claims 46-60 as Group II to eliminate confusion.

The Office Action alleges restriction to one of Groups I and II is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants elect Group I (drawn to an in vitro method of functionally determining at physiological condition deficiencies in the lectin pathway of the complement system) with traverse. Claims 38-45 are encompassed by the elected Group.